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1. SUMMARY: THE EC COMMISSION-CIEC ENERGY COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRMAN, WILLIAMS, AGREES FULLY WITH THE US THAT THE ENERGY COMMISSION AGENDA SHOULD BE A NEUTRAL DOCUMENT PROVIDING BROAD HEADLINES. HE ALSO AGREES THAT THE OECD COMMITTEE ON ENERGY POLICY SHOULD NOT BE USED TO COORDINATE CIEC POSITIONS BUT BELIEVES THAT FROM A TACTICAL STANDPOINT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO LET IT MEET ONCE AS A FACE SAVING DEVICE FOR THE FRENCH. END SUMMARY

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2. MISSION OFFICERS PASSED ON BOSWORTH'S THOUGHTS ON TACTICS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE FEBRUARY 11 MEETING OF THE ENERGY COMMISSION TO EC DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ENERGY WILLIAMS WHO WILL BE THE COMMUNITY CO-HEAD OF DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE COMMISSION, AND TO WEYLAND OF THE LUXEMBOURG PRESIDENCY. WILLIAMS SAID HE AGREED WITH EVERY WORD AND HAD NOTHING TO EITHER ADD OR SUBTRACT. HE THANKED BOSWORTH FOR HIS WELL REASONED CONTRIBUTION.

3. WILLIAMS SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (COREPER) WAS CURRENTLY WORKING ON A DRAFT AGENDA AND WOULD BE DISCUSSING IT FURTHER LATER THAT AFTERNOON (FEBRUARY 5). HE SAID THAT IT WAS VERY GENERAL AND ALTHOUGH HE WOULD HAVE IT IN HIS POCKET ON FEBRUARY 11, DEPENDING ON HOW THINGS WORKED OUT, IT MAY NOT EVEN BE NECESSARY TO USE IT. WILLIAMS EMPHASIZED THAT IT MIGHT BE SLIGHTLY MODIFIED BY COREPER BUT GAVE US THE FOLLOWING DRAFT WHICH REPRESENTS CURRENT COMMUNITY THINKING. BEGIN TEXT:

CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION
FIRST SUBJECTS LIKELY TO BE RAISED BY THE ENERGY COMMISSION
OF THE CONFERENCE-

1. ANALYSIS OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE WORLD ENERGY
SITUATION AND THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION.

RECIPROCAL INFORMATION ON:

-FORECASTS OF ENERGY DEMAND AND SUPPLY (SHORT AND LONG
TERM);

-FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES, INCLUDING ALTERNATIVE SOURCES;

-EFFECTS OF ENERGY PRICES IN THE GENERAL ECONOMIC CONTEXT,
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PARTICULAR SITUATIONS IN THE
VARIOUS COUNTRIES CONCERNED;

-DEVELOPMENT OF RATIONAL USE OF ENERGY INCLUDING ENERGY
SAVING;

-OTHER TOPICS RELEVANT TO AN APPRAISAL OF THE WORLD ENERGY
SITUATION.

2. EVALUATION AND ANALYSIS OF PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST
CONCERNING THE SUPPLY AND PRICE OF ENERGY, WITH THE OBJECT
OF FINDING POSITIONS WHICH TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VITAL INTERESTS
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OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED ESPECIALLY THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. CO-OPERATION IN THE ENERGY AND RELATED SECTORS, INCLUDING
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SOURCES OF
ENERGY.

4. THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING ARRANGEMENTS FOR A

CONTINUING EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND CONTINUING CONSULTATION, ON A FORMAL OR INFORMAL BASIS, DEPENDING ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE DIALOGUE. END TEXT.

4. WILLIAMS TOOK NOTE OF THE FACT THAT BOSWORTH HAD PASSED A DRAFT AGENDA ON A PERSONAL BASIS TO THE SAUDI CO-CHAIRMAN ADDING THAT HE CONSIDERED THE ENERGY COMMISSION TO BE FORTUNATE IN HAVING CO-CHAIRMEN WHO HE BELIEVED WOULD BE ABLE TO WORK WELL TOGETHER.

5. WE ALSO RAISED WITH WILLIAMS (DRAWING ON REFTELS B AND C) THE QUESTION OF THE ACTIVATION OF THE OECD COMMITTEE ON ENERGY POLICY (CEP) AND WHAT ITS ROLE SHOULD BE (OR NOT BE) IN PREPARATION FOR THE DIALOGUE. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, WILLIAMS SAID HE AGREED WITH OUR VIEWS. THE CEP, PER FORCE, WOULD HAVE TO INCLUDE SUCH PARTICIPANTS AS YUGOSLAVIA, WHICH WILLIAMS TERMED "NOT OUR GROUP OF COUNTRIES." HE NOTED THE PEOPLE PUSHING FOR A BROADER ROLE FOR THE CEP WERE THE FRENCH AND THE AUSTRALIANS AND THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE "WATCHED". PRACTICALLY HE THOUGHT THE BEST PLOY WOULD BE TO LET THE CEP GO AHEAD AND MEET ONCE AS A FACE SAVING DEVICE FOR THE FRENCH.

6. WILLIAMS WAS HOPEFUL THAT IN PRACTICE IT WOULD SOON BECOME APPARENT TO THE SUPPORTERS OF THE OECD AS A MAJOR COORDINATING BODY THAT IT SIMPLY WOULD NOT BE PRACTICAL. THE COMMUNITY, HE SAID, WAS GOING TO HAVE A DIFFICULT ENOUGH TIME COORDINATING ITS OWN POSITION. ALTHOUGH NO ONE WAS ADMITTING IT, HE SAID THE EC'S PERFORMANCE AT PREPCON I HAD BEEN ABOMINABLE AND DELAYED THE PROCEEDINGS CONSIDERABLY. HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT THINGS WOULD GO BETTER AT THE CIEC BUT THERE WAS NO WAY OF AVOIDING COMMUNITY CAUCUSES IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

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7. WILLIAMS SAID IT WAS NOT CLEAR TO HIM YET WHETHER THE MEETING ON LHE 11TH WOULD START OFF WITH OPENING STATEMENTS BY EACH OF THE DELEGATION HEADS BUT HE SAID THAT THE COMMUNITY HAD PREPARED A STATEMENT JUST IN CASE. IT STUCK CLOSELY TO THE IEA LINE AND CONTAINS NO SURPRISES. IT EMPHASIZES THE NEED FOR A BROAD EXAMINATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION AS IT RELATES TO ENERGY AND CALLS FOR EARLY WORK ON AREAS WHERE IT IS LIKELY THAT AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH CAN BE REACHED. MORRIS

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